

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 21, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 5:40 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone; Robin LaBuwi; and Stacia Sloan. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee.

4. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Student Disciplinary Case

5.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; the Purchase or Lease of Real Property; and a Student Disciplinary Case. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:41 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:52 P.M. Mark Minor, President called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2023

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2023

Special Board meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023

Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023

6.2 Approve Financial Report (August 2023)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (August 2023)

6.4 Review/Approve Annual Administrator/Teacher Salary & Benefits Report (ENCL A)

6.5 Approve Final Reading Board Policy Update 7:60 (ENCL B)

6.6 Approve Sunday Practice Dates for Extracurricular Activities

6.7 Approve Lifetouch 2024-2026 Service Agreement for Student Photos (ENCL D)

6.8 Approve Jostens Yearbook Agreement 2024-2027 (ENCL E)

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosures B, D, and E have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

- Mr. Johnson made a statement offering condolences to the families of our three students who lost their lives last Saturday in a car accident.
- Mr. Johnson gave a project update and an update on air quality testing in the building.

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Review/Adopt FY24 Budget Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the FY24 Budget as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Assignment of Personnel Jay Copple made a motion to approve James Kowzan as an assistant softball coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Brian Blades as an assistant softball coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the MOU with the BEA to split the assistant softball stipend as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this MOU has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Tim McDaniel to the Musical/Drama stipend position. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to accept the resignation from Josh Kinsman as a volunteer football coach effective August 25, 2023. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuiw made a motion to approve Madalynn Lampley as the speech coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Chris Anderson as a temporary part-time student worker as needed for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Jim Giacone made a motion to allow the administration to post two long term substitute positions as available for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.5 Review/Approve Agreement to Purchase Real Property Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Agreement for Sale of Residential Real Properties as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.6 Review/Approve 2023-24 Student Attendance Policy Changes Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the 2023-24 student attendance policy changes as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.7 Review/Approve Transfer of Activity Account Funds from Interest to Miscellaneous Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Interest activity account to the Miscellaneous activity account. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

12. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY